(b) what progress has so far been made in this regard and what allocation has been made therefor under the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(c) whether any publicity material, including TV documentaries, have been or are proposed to be prepared/issued for attracting tourists both in India and overseas; if so, the details in this regard;

(d) whether any proposals or projects have been called for or received for preparation of such TV documentaries; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard and the progress made in processing the same?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) The National Action Plan for Tourism has identified 3 circuits and 7 pilgrim centres for intensive development in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat.

The circuits are :

(i) Gwalior - Shivpuri - Orchha - Khajuraho.

(ii) Indore - Ujjain - Maheshwar - Omkareshwar - Mandu.

(iii) Raigad Fort - Janjira Fort-Kuda Caves - Srivardhan - Harihareshwar - Sindhudurg.

The Pilgrim Centres are :

1. Ujjain (M.P.)
2. Nanded (Maharashtra)
3. Shirdi (Maharashtra)
4. Jotibag (Maharashtra)
5. Dwarka (Gujarat)
6. Palitana (Gujarat)
7. Odwada (Gujarat)

The Action Plans were prepared for the two circuits of Madhya Pradesh and have been sent to the State Government for implementation. The action plan for the identified circuits in Maharashtra is under preparation. Projects for implementation have been identified with regard to the development of pilgrim centres.

Finincial assistance to State Government are extended on project to project basis, no prior allocation is made in this regard.

(c) Brochures, posters, folders and films have been produced on Khajuraho-Orchha circuit. Production of a film on Indore-Mandu circuit has been approved. Films on identified circuits are being contemplated for Production.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

**Officers of Air India, Indian Airlines sent abroad for Business Promotion**

*215. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFAZAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of Officers/Executives (with ranks) who visited various parts of the country and were sent abroad for promotion of business in respect of Indian Airlines, Vayudoot and Air India (to be shown separately) during the years 1990-91 and 1991-92;

(b) what are the names of the countries visited by them;

(c) what is the expenditure incurred on their air tickets, lodging and boarding and local travels; and

(d) what is the achievement made in relation to the expenditure incurred by Government on these trips ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) :

**Number of Officers on tour**

| | 1990-91 | | 1991-92 | | Rank |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Foreign | Domestic | Foreign | Domestic | |
| (i) Air India . . | 12 | 30 | 15 | 31 | Commercial Manager to Assistant Station Superintendent. |
| (ii) Indian Airlines . | 4 | * | 4 | * | Deputy Commercial Director to Assistant Commercial Manager |
| (iii) Vayudoot . | — | * | — | * | Commercial Manager. |

*The business promotion tours within the country are undertaken alongwith other items of work. No separate records are, therefore, maintained.

(b) Thailand, Hong Kong, Singapore Japan, Malaysia Europe, Canada, Kenya, South Africa, Bangladesh, and Gulf countries. The domestic tours covered various stations such as Ahmedabad, Navasari Lucknow, Agra, Chandigarh etc.

(c) The total expenditure incurred on the above tours (excluding the internal tours of Indian Airlines and vayudoot officials) was Rs. 2.56 lakhs in 1990-91 and Rs. 4.71 lakhs in 1991-92

(d) The tours were in connection with business promotion efforts contributing to increase in revenue.

**World Bank assistance to Nabard**

*216. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank propose to give project assistance worth $ 640 million to National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) and (b) A proposal to provide assistance to NABARD is under discussion with the world bank. Details regarding the quantum of assistance cannot be determined until the content of the loan programme is finalised.

**Concessional STD Rates for Rural Areas**

*217. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government charges at lower rates for the STD phone calls at night;

(b) what concessional facilities are offered for rural phone users, without STD facilities;

(c) whether it is a fact that people living in rural areas get no concession for their trunk calls; and

(d) what measures Government propose to take to extend concessional rate and increase the duration when concessional trunk calls can be made in areas without STD facility ?